

July 27, 2007

CURRENT HOUSE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

LEGISLATIVE DAY OF JULY 27, 2007

110TH CONGRESS - FIRST SESSION

5:40
P.M. -

The House adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on July 30, 2007.

On
motion to adjourn Agreed to by voice vote.

Ms.
Jackson-Lee (TX) moved that the House do now adjourn.

5:10
P.M. -

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES - The House has concluded all anticipated legislative business and has proceeded to Special Order speeches.

5:09
P.M. -

Mr. Duncan requested the following general leaves to address the House on August 3: Mr. Poe for 5 min and Mr. Jones of NC for 5 min.

5:06
P.M. -

ONE MINUTE SPEECHES - The House proceeded with further one minute speeches.

5:05
P.M. -

Ms. Wasserman Schultz asked unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Aug. 1. Agreed to without objection.

Ms.
Wasserman Schultz asked unanimous consent That, when the House adjourns on Friday, July 27, 2007, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 30, 2007, for Morning-Hour Debate. Agreed to without objection.

4:55
P.M. -

The House received a communication from the Honorable Mr. McCarthy (CA) . Mr. McCarthy (CA) submitted his resignation from the Committee on Homeland Security. The resignation was accepted without objection.

4:54
P.M. -

Ms. Slaughter filed reports from the Committee on Rules, on measures H.
Res. 579, H.
Res. 580, and H.
Res. 581.

H.R. 1:

to provide for the implementation of the recommendations
of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

4:53
P.M. -

On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas
and Nays: 371 - 40 (Roll
no. 757).

Motions
to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

4:32
P.M. -

The previous question was ordered without objection.

3:15
P.M. -

DEBATE - The House proceeded with 1 hour of debate on the
conference report to accompany H.R. 1.

Mr.
Thompson (MS) brought up conference report H. Rept. 110-259 for consideration
under the provisions of H. Res. 567.

H. Res. 567:

providing for consideration of the conference report to
accompany the bill (H.R. 1) to
provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National
Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

3:14
P.M. -

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

On
agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.

The
previous question was ordered without objection.

2:06
P.M. -

DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H. Res. 567.

2:05
P.M. -

Considered as privileged matter.

H.R. 2419:

to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs
through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes

2:01
P.M. -

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers,
punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and

conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2419.

Motion
to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

On
passage Passed by recorded vote: 231 - 191 (Roll
no. 756).

1:54
P.M. -

On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded
vote: 198 - 223 (Roll
no. 755).

1:37
P.M. -

The previous question on the motion to recommit with
instructions was ordered without objection.

1:20
P.M. -

DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the
Goodlatte motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in
the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House promptly
with the following amendments striking the two titles designated as XII in the
amendments contained in part A of House Report 110-261 and adopt such
amendments as may be necessary to comply with the Committee on Agriculture
allocation under H.Con.Res. 99 of the 110th Congress.

1:19
P.M. -

Mr. Goodlatte moved to recommit with instructions to Agriculture.

The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

1:18
P.M. -

The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2419.

On agreeing to the Cooper amendment Failed by recorded vote: 175 - 250, 1 Present (Roll no. 754).

1:13
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Putnam amendment Failed by recorded vote: 175 - 252 (Roll no. 753).

1:09
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Udall (CO) amendment Failed by recorded vote: 175 - 251 (Roll no. 752).

1:03
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Davis (IL) amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 144 - 282 (Roll
no. 751).

12:58
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Boehner amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 153 - 271 (Roll
no. 750).

12:55
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Rangel amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 182 - 245 (Roll
no. 749).

12:49
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment Agreed to by
recorded vote: 422 - 3 (Roll
no. 748).

12:26
P.M. -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the
unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been
debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.

POSTPONED

PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cooper amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Cooper demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

12:10

P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cooper amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Cooper.

An amendment numbered 27 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to comprehensively reform the federal crop insurance program, including the Administration's farm bill crop insurance proposals. The amendment saves approximately \$4 billion while adding resources to the Grassland Reserve Program.

12:08

P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Putnam amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Putnam demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

12:01

P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Putnam amendment.

12:00
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Putnam.

An amendment numbered 25 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to prohibit individuals from receiving farm conservation payments if their income exceeds \$1 million, unless 75% of the income comes from farm income.

POSTPONED

PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Udall (CO) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Udall (CO) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

11:50
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Udall (CO) amendment.

11:49
A.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Udall (CO).

An amendment numbered 21 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to reduce the direct payment rate for cotton by 2/3 of a cent in order to fund enrollment of 224,000 additional acres in the Grasslands Reserve Program.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

11:48
A.M. -

Considered as unfinished business.

11:47
A.M. -

ORDER OF PROCEDURE - Mr. Peterson (MN) asked unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2419 pursuant to H. Res. 547, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule 18 and clauses 8 and 9 of rule 20. Agreed to without objection.

Committee
of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2419 as unfinished business.

On
motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.

Mr.
Peterson (MN) moved that the Committee rise.

11:46
A.M. -

On agreeing to the Peterson (MN) amendments as modified
Agreed to by voice vote.

10:57
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Peterson (MN) en bloc amendments.

Peterson
(MN) amendment modified by unanimous consent. Modification consist of text offered to Part B amendment numbered 20.

Amendments
offered by Mr. Peterson (MN).

An amendment comprised of the following amendments offered
En Bloc in Part B of House Report 110-261: Amendment Nos. 20 and 29.

10:56
A.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Davis (IL) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Davis (IL) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

10:42
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Davis (IL) amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Davis (IL).

An amendment numbered 19 printed in Part B of House Report
110-261 to strike the sugar sections in the commodity title as well as the

feedstock flexibility program for bioenergy producers, extending current programs until 2012.

10:39
A.M. -

By unanimous consent, the Arcuri amendment was withdrawn.

10:33
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Arcuri amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Arcuri.

An amendment numbered 9 printed in House Report 110-261 to express the Sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should use existing authority when determining the Class I milk price mover to take into account the increased cost of production, including energy and feed.

10:32
A.M. -

By unanimous consent, the Blumenauer amendment was withdrawn.

10:28
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Blumenauer amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Blumenauer.

An amendmend numbered 16 printed in Part B of House Report
110-261 to make conservation easements purchased through a transferable
development rights program eligible for grants under the Farm and Ranchland
Protection Program.

10:27
A.M. -

By unanimous consent, the Welch (VT) amendment was
withdrawn.

10:24
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Welch (VT)
amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Welch (VT).

An amendment numbered 10 printed in Part B of House Report
110-261 to encourage schools to submit plans for implementation to the
Secretary that include locally grown foods, in areas where geographically
available.

10:23
A.M. -

On agreeing to the Manzullo amendment as modified Failed
by voice vote.

10:10
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Manzullo amendment, as modified.

Manzullo
amendment modified by unanimous consent. Modification consist of replacement text.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Manzullo.

An amendment numbered 15 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to exempt the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) from the \$60,000 and \$125,000 payment limitations, resetting it to the \$450,000 limitation that is in the current law.

10:09
A.M. -

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

10:08
A.M. -

Considered as unfinished business.

ORDER
OF PROCEDURE - Mr. Peterson (MN) asked consent that during further consideration of H.R.
2419, pursuant to H. Res. 574, the

amendment en bloc offered by the gentleman from Minnesota be considered as modified by the form he placed at the desk and that it be considered as adopted as so modified. Amendment numbered 9 was removed from the Peterson (MN) En bloc, which had been offered on July 26, 2007. Amendments numbered 9 and 11 are permitted to be offered at any time. Agreed to without objection.

H.R. 2419:

to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2419 as unfinished business.

10:07
A.M. -

On motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.

Mr.
Peterson (MN) moved that the Committee rise.

10:06
A.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Boehner amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Boehner demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

9:57
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boehner amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Boehner.

An amendment numbered 13 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to replace the current daily posted county prices (PCPs) used for determining loan deficiency payment rates and repayment rates for marketing assistance loans with a monthly PCP for each crop. It would revise requirements for establishing a producer's loan deficiency payment (LDP) and loan repayment rate to be based on the month that beneficial interest is lost. The amendment aims to address farmers taking advantage of short-term market events to lock in artificially high loan deficiency payments, while actually selling the commodity later at prices well above loan rate.

9:56
A.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Rangel amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Ros-Lehtinen demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

9:42
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rangel amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Rangel.

An amendment numbered 12 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to remove certain banking restrictions related to Cuba's payment for agricultural purchases from U.S. producers. It also authorizes direct transfers between Cuban banks and U.S. banks and allows visas to be issued to conduct activities related to purchasing U.S. agricultural goods.

9:40
A.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jackson-Lee amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Peterson (MN) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

9:33
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment.

Amendment
offered by Ms. Jackson-Lee (TX).

An amendment numbered 7 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to express the sense of Congress that the food available to schoolchildren under the school breakfast and lunch program should be selected so as to reduce the incidence of juvenile obesity and to maximize nutritional value.

9:32
A.M. -

On agreeing to the Boustany amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

9:28
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the

Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boustany amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Boustany.

An amendment numbered 6 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to state that in the case of sweet potatoes, Risk Management Agency Pilot Program data shall not be considered for purposes of determining production for the 2005-2006 Farm Service Agency Crop Disaster Program.

By
unanimous consent, the Cardoza amendment was withdrawn.

9:21
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cardoza amendment, pending reservation of a point of order.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Cardoza.

An amendment numbered 5 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to require USDA to transition Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) employees responsible for plant pest inspection duties back to USDA from the Department of Homeland Security in order to better serve the needs of American agriculture.

9:20
A.M. -

By unanimous consent, the Goodlatte amendment was withdrawn.

9:15
A.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Goodlatte amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Goodlatte.

An amendment numbered 3 printed in Part B of House Report 110-261 to streamline and adopt one set of terms and conditions of easements for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP, Farmland and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP), and Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP).

9:14
A.M. -

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

Considered
as unfinished business.

9:04
A.M. -

ONE MINUTE SPEECHES - The House proceeded with one minute speeches which by direction of the Chair, would be limited to 5 per side of the aisle.

9:03
A.M. -

The House received a message from the Senate. The Senate agreed to the conference report accompanying H.R. 1.

9:02
A.M. -

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Chair designated Ms. Schwartz to lead the Members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Speaker announced approval of the Journal. Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

9:00
A.M. -

Today's prayer was offered by the House Chaplain, Rev. Daniel Coughlin.

The Speaker designated the Honorable Jason Altmire to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

The House convened, starting a new legislative day.